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Commissioner Robert E. Nicolay, Chairman  
Certificate of Need Task Force  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Nicolay,

We received the letter regarding the Public Forum scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore, Maryland. The notice states the CON Task Force will be looking at several issues regarding rules, regulations, and modifications to the CON process.

If the Task Force will be addressing the issue of the CON for Home Health Agencies, we would like to state for the record to maintain the existing Certificate of Need Review Requirement for new or expanding Home Health Agencies.

If the CON is eliminated for Maryland, our home care agencies could be at a disadvantage, due to neighboring states having a current CON. Garrett County Health Department Home Health Agency would not be able to compete with the already existing agencies in the county and the ability of neighboring states to cross state lines.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit this initial comment. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the outcome of this first Public Forum.

Sincerely,

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